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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Robert Hambric of Chicago, who passed away on August 21, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Hambric grew up on the South Side of Chicago; he played basketball at Parker (now Robeson) High School, where he graduated in 1958; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Hambric went on to LeMoyne-Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was the captain of the basketball team and an honors student; he earned his degree in elementary education from the school in 1964; he later earned dual master's degrees in guidance counseling and urban studies from Northeastern University; and

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WHEREAS, Bob Hambric was employed at Herny Horner Homes and coached at a YMCA before taking over the freshman-sophomore teams at Simeon in 1974, presiding over a string of winning squads; after becoming Simeon's varsity coach in 1980, he continued his string of victories until his retirement in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure as Simeon's coach, Bob Hambric produced disciplined teams whose controlled offensive

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1 schemes broke with the city's tradition of breakneck,
2 playground-style play and fundamentally sound players; and

3 WHEREAS, During his brilliant 24-year career, Bob Hambric
4 coached Simeon to a phenomenal 551-145 record and produced a
5 State championship team in 1984; he won 20 or more games in 19
6 of his first 20 seasons; in 1998, he was inducted into the
7 Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob Hambric taught his players the importance of
9 assists - on and off the court - through strong values which
10 encouraged global citizenship; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Hambric utilized a strict discipline combined
12 with an ear of compassion for his players in order to share an
13 honest assessment of Chicago youth; and

14 WHEREAS, Bob Hambric is survived by his son, Robert M.
15 Hambric Jr.; his daughter, Robyn Hambric; his brother, Arthur;
16 his 3 nieces; and his long-time companion, Stacy Bonner;
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
20 his family and friends, the passing of Robert Hambric; and be
21 it further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Robert Hambric as an expression of
3 our sympathy.